

## Father's Day cards

### Youngsters put their feelings into art at ACS outreach event

By David Ruderman and Karl Weisel  
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Children and parents streamed into Hanau Army Community Service May 28 for a Father's Day card making jamboree.

"We thought it would be a great way to make something for the dads downrange," said ACS outreach coordinator Katherine Lawlor.

Anastazia Dymet, 20 months old, helped her mother Margana put the finishing touches on a card for her father, Sgt. Paul Dymen of Company D, 2-501st Aviation, who deployed to the Gulf May 1.

"I want him to actually have something she did with her little hands that comes from her heart, not just mine. She misses him so much," said Margana.

Separating was made all the more poignant for the Dymets by the birth of their second daughter, Erica, April 1. Leaving the family behind was difficult for her husband, said Margana. "He bit the bullet. He went and we're proud of him." They communicate through the Internet when they can, she and Anastazia write every week, and so far they have received three letters from him downrange.

"I miss him very much, and I hope he's OK and he drinks a lot of water," said Stephon Coombs as he worked on an intricate Father's Day card for his dad who is serving with the 127th Aviation Support Battalion in Iraq. "I just want to tell him to have a good Father's Day." Stephon was at ACS along with his younger brother Wesley Jr.

"These kids are OK," said their mother, Mourzene. "They're used to him being gone. This is his second deployment and it's not something new to us like other families. The only time we really miss him is on the weekends. Then we try to stay extra busy."

Mourzene said she volunteers at ACS to keep her mind occupied while her husband, Wesley, serves his country in Southwest Asia.

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Photo by Karl Weisel

Mourzene Coombs and her son, Wesley Jr., work on Father's Day cards at Hanau Army Community Service.

"We're trying to get stuff going for all of the spouses and their families," said Lawlor. "We want to find topics that they'll be interested in. We'll be outside the PX once a month and I'll stay open longer once a week so spouses can come in and talk to me.

"We want to connect them with other spouses — both homemakers and those who work — and give them fun things to do," she said. "It's a way to let the community come together, not only children's activities, but for families altogether."

"Since most of the soldiers are deployed, the spouses and family members are our main focus," said Büdingen ACS outreach coordinator Michael Hamm. Over 50 children and their parents attended a similar card creating event in Büdingen May 26.

Hamm is running a weekly video afternoon and trips to area pools, a green thumb day every last Friday of the month

to promote gardening as a leisure activity, and a toddler/infants playgroup that meets every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to noon. "We try to get the people out of the house and more involved in the community," he said.

"We also want to try to do more kids' programs in the summer," Lawlor said. "We might work on a specific craft or hold a fun day." She is trying to organize softball and badminton games as well.

Another idea is to work with School-Age Services and the Teen Center to provide an open forum where young people can express their feelings about the deployment, Lawlor said, explaining that children may feel the need to share their concerns but aren't sure where to do so. An open forum would allow youths to compare notes with other young people experiencing the same kinds of concerns and emotions.

ACS is also gearing up for a community-wide Fourth of July event, said director Pam Belanger.



## Family Story Time at the Bookmark

The Hanau Bookmark welcomes all Harry Potter fans to the store at the Wolfgang Shopping Center June 21 for the release of J.K. Rowling's latest effort, "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix." The book goes on sale at the Bookmark at 1:01 a.m. and the evening also includes a midnight showing of both Harry Potter movies. Photos left and right: Youngsters enjoy the May 17 Family Story Time featuring Clifford the Big Red Dog, stories, games, balloons and more. Young readers were also treated to a coupon valid for a free scoop of ice cream at Baskins and Robbins, said Ralph Henderson, Bookmark manager.





# Bulletin board

## At the movies June 10-26

### Baumholder, Wagon Wheel

- June 12 — Bringing Down The House (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- June 13 — Bringing Down The House (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- June 14 — Daddy Day Care (PG) 7 p.m.
- June 15 — Piglet's Big Movie (G) 4 p.m. Daddy Day Care (PG) 7 p.m.
- June 19 — Gangs Of New York (R) 7 p.m.
- June 20-21 — The Matrix Reloaded (R) 7 p.m.
- June 22 — Agent Cody Banks (PG) 4 p.m. Chicago (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- June 26 — A Man Apart (R) 7 p.m.

### Büdingen, Little

- June 13 — Agent Cody Banks (PG) 7 p.m.
- June 14 — Willard (PG-13) 3 p.m.
- June 20 — The Hours (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- June 21 — Bringing Down The House (PG-13) 3 p.m.

### Dexheim, Rhein

- June 13 — Gangs Of New York (R) 7 p.m.
- June 14 — The Matrix Reloaded (R) 7 p.m.
- June 15 — Piglet's Big Movie (G) 3 p.m.
- June 20 — A Man Apart (R) 7 p.m.
- June 21 — Bruce Almighty (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- June 22 — Chicago (PG-13) 3 p.m.

### Friedberg, Old Ironsides

- June 12 — Bringing Down The House (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- June 13 — X2 (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- June 14 — The Hours (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- June 15 — X2 (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- June 19 — Piglet's Big Movie (G) 7 p.m.
- June 20-21 — Daddy Day Care (PG) 7 p.m.
- June 22 — Piglet's Big Movie (G) 7 p.m.
- June 26 — Chicago (PG-13) 7 p.m.

### Giessen, Skyline

- June 10-11 — It Runs In The Family (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- June 13 — Willard (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- June 14 — Piglet's Big Movie (G) 7 p.m.
- June 15 — Gangs Of New York (R) 7 p.m.
- June 17-18 — X2 (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- June 20 — A Man Apart (R) 7 p.m.
- June 21 — The Core (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- June 22 — What A Girl Wants (PG) 7 p.m.
- June 24-25 — Daddy Day Care (PG) 7 p.m.

### Hanau, Evening Star

- June 10 — The Hours (PG-13) 7 p.m.



Bruce, a friendly shark, invites Marlin and Dory to join him at a shark party in "Finding Nemo."

- June 11 — Bringing Down The House (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- June 12 — The Hours (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- June 13 — Piglet's Big Movie (G) 4 p.m. Finding Nemo (G) 7 p.m. Gangs Of New York (R) 9:30 p.m.
- June 14 — Piglet's Big Movie (G) 1 and 4 p.m. Finding Nemo (G) 7 p.m. The Core (PG-13) 9:30 p.m.
- June 15 — Piglet's Big Movie (G) 4 p.m. Finding Nemo (G) 7 p.m.
- June 16 — Gangs Of New York (R) 7 p.m.
- June 17 — The Core (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- June 18 — Gangs Of New York (R) 7 p.m.
- June 19 — The Core (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- June 20 — Chicago (PG-13) 7 p.m. 2 Fast 2 Furious (PG-13) 9:30 p.m.
- June 21 — 2 Fast 2 Furious (PG-13) 7 p.m. A Man Apart (R) 9:30 p.m.
- June 22 — What A Girl Wants (PG) 4 p.m. 2 Fast 2 Furious (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- June 23 — A Man Apart (R) 7 p.m.
- June 24 — Chicago (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- June 25 — A Man Apart (R) 7 p.m.
- June 26 — Chicago (PG-13) 7 p.m.

### Rhein Main, Gardens

- June 11 — Bruce Almighty (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- June 12 — Final Destination 2 (R) 7 p.m.
- June 13 — The Core (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- June 14 — Piglet's Big Movie (G) 5 p.m. Gangs Of New York (R) 7:30 p.m.
- June 15 — Daddy Day Care (PG) 7 p.m.
- June 18 — Finding Nemo (G) 7 p.m.

- June 20 — Chicago (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- June 21 — What A Girl Wants (PG) 5 p.m. The Matrix Reloaded (R) 7:30 p.m.
- June 22 — A Man Apart (R) 7 p.m.
- June 25 — 2 Fast 2 Furious (PG-13) 7 p.m.

### Wackernheim, McCully

No movies scheduled

### Wiesbaden, Flyers

- June 12 — Bruce Almighty (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- June 13 — The Core (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- June 14 — The Hours (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- June 19 — Finding Nemo (G) 7 p.m.
- June 20 — A Man Apart (R) 7 p.m.
- June 21 — Gangs Of New York (R) 7 p.m.
- June 26 — 2 Fast 2 Furious (PG-13) 7 p.m.

### Wiesbaden, Taunus

- June 10 — The Hours (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- June 11 — Bringing Down The House (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- June 12 — The Hours (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- June 13 — Bruce Almighty (PG-13) 7 p.m. Gangs Of New York (R) 9:30 p.m.
- June 14 — Piglet's Big Movie (G) 4 p.m. Bruce Almighty (PG-13) 7 p.m. Gangs Of New York (R) 9:30 p.m.
- June 15 — Piglet's Big Movie (G) 4 p.m. Bruce Almighty (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- June 16 — Bruce Almighty (PG-13) 7 p.m.
- June 17 — Piglet's Big Movie (G) 7 p.m.
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## Movie plots

**Finding Nemo (G)** — This latest feature from Pixar Animation and Disney follows the journey of two fish — Marlin and his son Nemo — who are separated in the Great Barrier Reef. Buoyed by the companionship of Dory, a friendly-but-forgetful fish, Marlin embarks on a dangerous trek to rescue his son.

**The Core (PG-13)** — The earth's core has stopped rotating, causing the planet's electromagnetic field to deteriorate. Life around the globe begins to change dramatically. In San Francisco the Golden Gate Bridge collapses. In Rome thousands watch helplessly as an electrical super storm reduces the Colosseum to rubble. Government and military officials call upon geophysicist Dr. Josh Keyes (Aaron Eckhart) and a team of the world's most gifted scientists to travel into the earth's core to fix the problem.

**Gangs Of New York (R)** — New York City in 1863 was a fledgling city where the desire for a better life gave birth to an underworld born in the streets. It was a time of ruthlessness, intolerance and fear. But it was also a time of extraordinary bravery, as those pushed to the edge fought for the freedom of future generations. Leonardo DiCaprio, Daniel Day-Lewis and Cameron Diaz star in this depiction of early New York gang life.

**Bruce Almighty (PG-13)** — Bruce (Jim Carrey), a TV reporter, is known for doing homespun, human interest stories, but he would much rather be replacing the soon-to-retire anchorman or at the very least, report significant news from international hot spots. After blowing a story and a shot at the big leagues, Bruce appeals to a higher power for better luck. The result is more than he expected. Also stars Morgan Freeman and Jennifer Aniston.

**The Hours (PG-13)** — Three eras, three stories and three women coalesce into a continuum that flows through the heart of "The Hours." Each woman is joined to the other, unaware a single work of literature is irrevocably altering their lives. First there is Virginia Woolf in the early 1920s battling insanity as she begins to write her first great novel, "Mrs. Dalloway." Over two decades later, Laura Brown, a wife and mother in Los Angeles at the end of World War II, reads "Mrs. Dalloway" and finds it so revelatory she considers making a devastating change in her life. Then in contemporary New York City, Clarissa Vaughan, a modern version of Woolf's Mrs. Dalloway, falls in love with her friend Richard, a brilliant poet dying of AIDS. Their stories intertwine and come together in a surprising and transcendent moment of shared recognition.

**Agent Cody Banks (PG)** — Cody Banks (Frankie Muniz) seems like a typical teenager. But Cody has a secret even his family and best friends don't know — he's actually an elite undercover agent for the CIA. But when he gets his first assignment, Cody discovers he has to befriend high school dreamgirl Natalie Connors (Hilary Duff) in order to spy on her father. The problem? The CIA spent \$10 million training Cody, but they didn't teach him how to talk to girls.

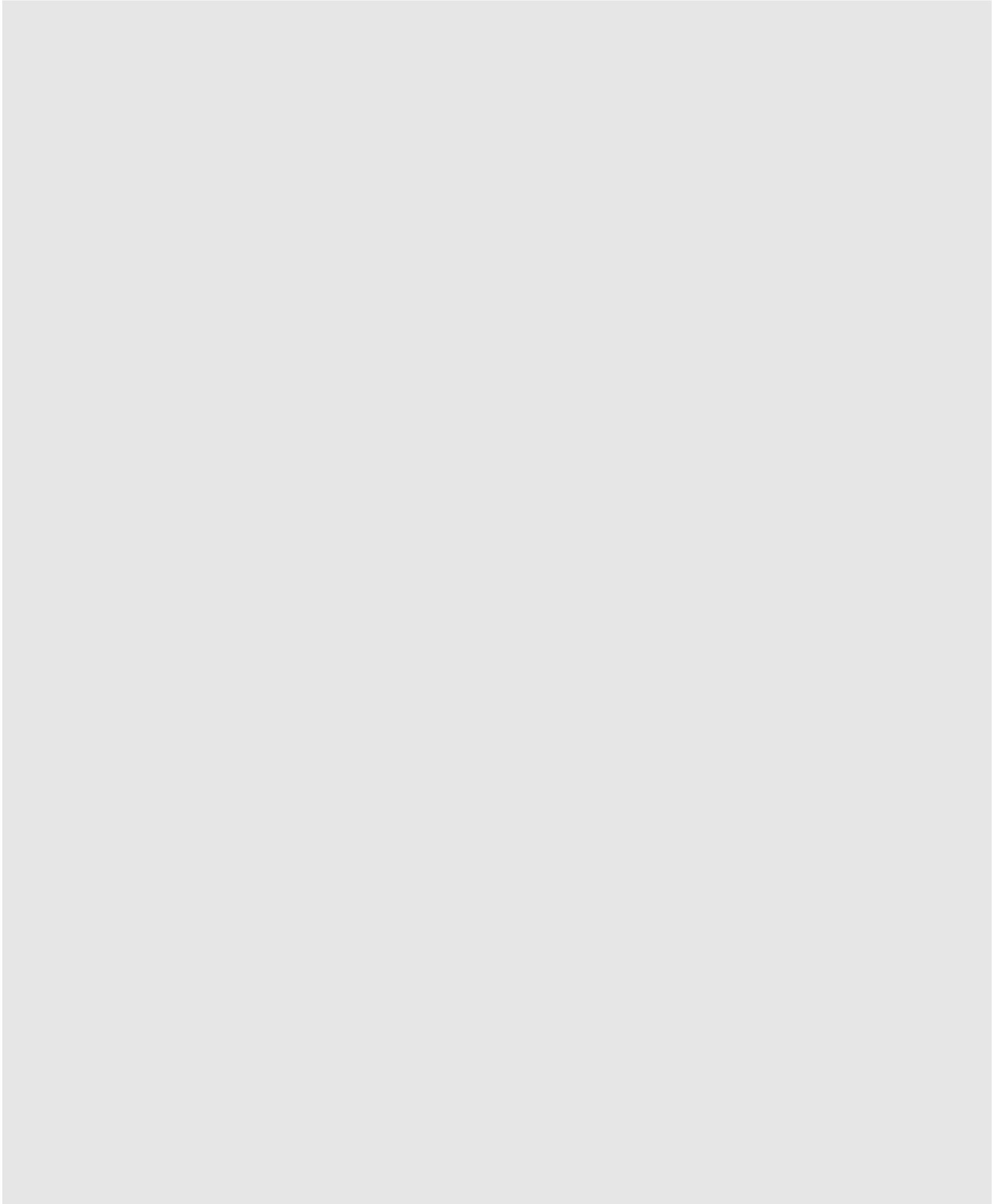


Leonardo DiCaprio and Gary Lewis duke it out in "Gangs Of New York."

**Movies and times subject to change by local theaters. For the most up-to-date schedule visit the ASG's website (see address below).**

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## Achieving results at Aukamm

### School delivers on small scale

By David Ruderman  
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Aukamm Elementary School has all the virtues of a small town school without being separated from the world at large, said school counselor Bryan Smith.

"It's a wonderful school, a small community where parents walk their children to school. The size of this school makes it better. It's got a real community feel," said Smith, who was serving as acting principal as the school year wound down.

With a total of 280 students in kindergarten through fifth grade, 13 classroom teachers and a complement of specialists and aides, Aukamm is better poised to deliver quality education than some of its larger peers, he said.

"Dr. Sessions [Dr. Judith Sessions, school principal] is a very good principal, a good leader. The teachers are very good, we have good school aides. The PTA is particularly outstanding and we have pretty good participation."

Over the school year the PTA organized Family Fun Nights featuring bingo and line dancing, a science fair, the school's spelling bee, several book fairs, field days and an end of the year bash for fifth-graders.

When Hinterbrand Lodge activities were canceled earlier in the year because of security concerns, some children were taken instead to Teamwork Towers in Mannheim. The PTA picked up two thirds of the cost, said Smith.

Students enjoyed visits to the Mannheim Planetarium and the Fulda Schloss earlier in the year, and re-



Photo by Karl Weisel

Aukamm Elementary School second-graders solve riddles together. Teacher Cheryl Kimbrough looks on as Alexis Jones gives fellow students clues about the month she has chosen for them to guess.

cently a field day, Asian-Pacific day and volunteer recognition ceremony took place. "As you can see we're pretty active," said Smith.

### Good grades

Students did well on this year's standardized Terra Nova tests and excelled in other areas as well. Aukamm students took honors in the Reflections component of the annual European Congress of American Parents, Teachers and Students convention, which recognizes students for their achievements in such diverse disciplines as literature, music, photography

and the visual arts.

Seven fifth-graders were awarded Presidential Awards for Educational Excellence and four were recognized with Presidential Awards for Educational Improvement. The awards indicate students being able to post 4.0 grade point averages for two years in a row, and scoring in the 85th percentile and above in the math and reading sections of Terra Nova standardized tests.

"I think we did really well. We have good students, but better yet we have good kids," said Smith, noting that dedicated teachers are key to student accomplishment. "We tend to be an older DoDDS staff though we do have some younger teachers. They're innovative enough and realistic. They wouldn't try every little thing that comes down the pike, but they're open to trying what's appropriate."

"I'm a disciplinarian, but they're good kids. They're short. They're fun. There are a lot more hugs here than in the middle school. It keeps you young," said first-grade teacher Olivia Cruz, who taught in large, urban schools in the United States earlier in her career.

"It's a great community. It's a great atmosphere for kids," said Cruz. "We have more supplies and the discipline is better here. It's a lot

easier teaching here."

Cruz noted one of the major accomplishments of the year that comes from working with first-graders — by the time school lets out they have learned to read on

their own. "In first grade there are many children who come in and they can't read. Now they're in the library every day. I wish at this age we could teach them another language."

### Bearing up well

Students held up well despite the war, the current deployment and the death of one student's father in Iraq in late May, said Smith. "I think it's because they're pretty resilient. They're holding up pretty well."

"It's difficult to deal with kids at 6, what to tell them," said Cruz.

"Especially if anything happens after that recent death. Of course it's heavy on everyone's mind," said Smith. Teachers are adept at monitoring students under stress, said Smith, and exercising the right balance of compassion and restraint. The key is to stay on top of the child, but not to push him or her.

"I can see some changes in the kids, but you deal with it," said Cruz. "A lot of them are going home for the summer and what you see is the community bonding together more tightly."

## School bits

### Kudos to artists

Congratulations to Smith Elementary School artists Jordan Bacon, Benjamin McDaniel, Breonna McKee and Brittini Woodland, and to their teacher Rosalind Rutledge. Their creations have been selected for publication in "On the Move," the official magazine of the Military Child Education Coalition.

### Aukamm kindergarteners 'graduate'

Aukamm Elementary School kindergarteners will enjoy a graduation ceremony June 12 at 10 a.m. in the school's multipurpose room. Students will perform, receive diplomas and enjoy refreshments. All families are invited to attend. Call mil 337-6260 for details.

### Weekend literature classes

University of Maryland University College offers a weekend class, "Old Testament as Literature," at the Wiesbaden Army Airfield June 14-15, 28-29, July 12-13 and 26-27. Students can earn three semester hours. Contact the Maryland field representative at your education center or check their website at [www.ed.umuc.edu](http://www.ed.umuc.edu). In annual commencement exercises about 300 UMUC students received degrees May 25 in Heidelberg.

### Cleaning German war graves

The Volksbund Deutsche Kriegsgräberfürsorge, Commission for the Care of War Graves in Germany, seeks American and European youth to support their "Caravan 2003" project. A total of 80 youths from 20 countries will travel July 5-28 from Berlin to Dresden, Frankfurt am Main, Sonthofen and Lake Constance. Young people get to meet and know youths from different nations while working at war grave sites in Germany. Participants also visit the Reichstag, the Semperoper and the Dachau and Bautzen Holocaust sites. Cost is €180. For registration and information call Ruediger Klinge at civ (069) 9449 0711, send an email of inquiry to [ruediger.klinge@volksbund.de](mailto:ruediger.klinge@volksbund.de) or check their website at [www.volksbund.de/jugend\\_schule/workcamps/content\\_detail.asp?wkid=259](http://www.volksbund.de/jugend_schule/workcamps/content_detail.asp?wkid=259).



Photo by Donald Seltzer

### Fending for yourself

Certified personal trainer Tracy Chenault-Shank (left) practices boxing drills with Wiesbaden High School freshman Demetria Malone. Chenault-Shank volunteered to teach youths the benefits of circuit training.

# Sports and leisure

## Take a hike

By Donald Seltzer  
Special to the Herald Union



### Weekend of June 14-15

**Bad Kreuznach** — Former residents will especially enjoy this walk through city parks, wooded areas and along the Ellerbach River. From points east use Autobahn 60 west to Bingen, then follow B-41 to Bad Kreuznach and IVV directional signs to the start.

**Start:** Sonderschule on Ellerbach Strasse **Saturday:** 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. (5 and 10 km) and 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. (20 km) **Sunday:** 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. (5, 10 and 20 km) **Trail:** Fairly hilly, fields and woods **Award:** Porcelain figurines.

**Hof/Westerwald** — This event, north of Limburg and west of Giessen, features the scenery of the Hoher Westerwald region. Use Autobahn 45 to the Herborn-West exit, then take B-255 and B-414 west to Hof.

**Start:** Mehrzweckhalle **Saturday:** 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. (5 and 10 km) and 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. (20 km) **Sunday:** 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. (5, 10 and 20 km) **Trail:** Very hilly, woods **Award:** Stuffed toy bears.

### Midweek event, June 18-19

**Haiger-Offdilln** — Wednesday's late start times make it possible for readers in Giessen to enjoy this walk after work. From Giessen take Autobahn 45 northwest to Dillenburg to connect with B-253 and an unnumbered road to Fronhausen. Follow another unnumbered road to Weidelbach and Offdilln.

**Start:** Dorfgemeinschaftshaus **Wednesday:** 1-7 p.m. (5 and 10 km) **Thursday:** 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. (5, 10 and 20 km) **Trail:** Very hilly, woods **Award:** Model truck.

### Weekend of June 21-22

**Otzberg-Hering** — This walk on the edge of the scenic Odenwald passes below the old castle at Otzberg-Hering. Take the Eberstadt exit of Autobahn 5 and B-426 or the Reinheim/Rossdorf exit of B-26. IVV signs lead to Hering.

**Start:** Festplatz **Saturday and Sunday:** 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. (5, 10 and 20 km) **Trail:** Hilly, woods and fields **Award:** Coffee grinder.

**Wonsheim** — This walk is near Bad Kreuznach and easy to reach from Darmstadt and Wiesbaden. Connect with Autobahn 63 toward Alzey and Kaiserslautern and exit at Erbes-Büdesheim. Follow the unnumbered road to Wonsheim and Bad Kreuznach to reach the start.

**Start:** Sportheim **Saturday:** 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. (5 and 10 km) and 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. (20 km) **Sunday:** 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. (5, 10 and 20 km) **Trail:** Somewhat hilly, fields **Award:** From previous events.

### Weekend of June 28-29

**Darmstadt-Arheilgen** — The *Take a Hike* feature began 12 years ago in Darmstadt so it's particularly fitting for volksmarchers from that community to find a hometown

event leading off this weekend. The walk, offering a variety of new trails, takes place the weekend before Darmstadt's Heinerfest — July 3-7. Fest information is available in German on the web at [www.darmstaedterheinerfest.de](http://www.darmstaedterheinerfest.de). Take B-26 or Autobahn 67 or 5 to Darmstadt. IVV signs will direct you to the start at the Sportplatz Arheilger Mühlchen on Würzburger Strasse in the suburb of Arheilgen.

**Start:** Sportplatz Arheilger Mühlchen **Saturday and Sunday:** 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. (5 and 10 km), 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. (20 km) and 6-8 a.m. (42 km) **Trail:** Flat, mostly stroller-friendly, fields and woods **Award:** From previous events (shorter trails) or patch and certificate (marathon).

**Grosseelheim** — This walk northeast of Giessen offers a scenic drive to the start. From Giessen take B-3 toward Marburg and pick up an unnumbered road toward Kirchain to reach the start. From Fulda take B-254 and B-62 toward Alsfeld and Kirchain to Grosseelheim.

**Start:** Bürgerhaus **Saturday:** 1-6 p.m. (10 km) and 1-4 p.m. (5 and 20 km, plus cycling) **Sunday:** 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. (5, 10 and 20 km, plus cycling) **Trail:** Hilly, woods **Award:** Model truck.

**Weierbach** — Events in the Idar-Oberstein area feature awards incorporating gemstones for which this scenic area is well known. The club's website, [www.dvv-wandern.de/idar-oberstein](http://www.dvv-wandern.de/idar-oberstein), provides more information in German. From points east head toward Bad Kreuznach on Autobahn 60 and B-41. Continue on B-41 toward Idar-Oberstein and Kirn to reach Weierbach. From Idar-Oberstein take a short drive on B-41 toward Bad Kreuznach to the start.

**Start:** Sporthalle am Festplatz **Saturday:** 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. (5 and 10 km) and 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. (20 km) **Sunday:** 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. (5, 10 and 20 km) **Trail:** Very hilly, woods and neighborhoods **Award:** Salt crystal *Teelicht*.

### Weekend of July 5-6

**Langenlonsheim** — This event is midway between Bad Kreuznach and Bingen. From Bad Kreuznach use B-41 and B-48 north to reach the start. From points east take Autobahn 60 to Bingen and 61 toward Koblenz. Exit at Dorsheim and back-track a bit toward Laubenheim to pick up B-48 to the start.

**Start:** Gemeindehalle **Saturday:** 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. (6 and 10 km) and 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. (20 km) **Sunday:** 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. (6 and 10 km) and 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. (20 km) **Trail:** Fairly hill, fields and woods **Award:** From previous events.

**Ober-Ramstadt/Rohrbach** — This is my own club's event. Readers are extended a special invitation to enjoy scenic 6-, 10- and 20-kilometer trails on the edge of the scenic Odenwald. This walk is well liked by both Americans and Germans for its enjoyable trails and start hall atmosphere. Take the Eberstadt exit of Autobahn 5 and B-426 or the Reinheim/Rossdorf exit of B-26. IVV signs lead to Rohrbach.

**Start:** Bürgerhaus Rohrbach **Saturday:** Noon to 5 p.m. (6, 10 and 20 km) **Sunday:** 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. (6, 10 and 20 km) **Trail:** Somewhat hilly, stroller-friendly in dry weather, forests and fields **Award:** From previous events.

### Weekend of July 11-13

**Kirchen-Freusburg** — Primarily for readers in Giessen, this event offers three days to enjoy the scenic area southwest of Siegen. The club's first cycling event offers a

30-kilometer trail. Follow Autobahn 45 toward Siegen and exit at Wilnsdorf. Follow an unnumbered road to Neunkirchen and Betzdorf, then B-62 toward Siegen to Kirchen.

**Start:** Jahnhalle **Friday:** 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. (5 and 10 km) **Saturday and Sunday:** 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. (5 and 10 km, plus cycling), and 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. (20 km) **Trail:** Hilly, woods **Award:** Sling sack

**Sohren** — This walk puts you near the Hahn airport. Events in the Hunsrück area are always pretty and this one should be no exception. Get on the B-50 by taking the Rheinböllen exit of Autobahn 61 or B-421 from Idar-Oberstein. Then on B-50 head toward Bernkastel-Kues. Sohren is at the bottom of a triangle formed by routes B-421, B-327 and B-50.

**Start:** Bürgerhalle **Saturday:** 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. (6 and 10 km) and 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. (20 km) **Sunday:** 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. (6 and 10 km) and 6 a.m. to noon (20 km) **Trail:** Fairly hilly, woods and fields **Award:** Hedgehog figure from previous event.

**Wiesbaden-Naurod** — This Sunday-only walk features scenic trails in the Taunus region north of Wiesbaden. Follow B-455 to reach the start at Naurod. From the east take Autobahn 3 toward Köln and exit at Wiesbaden/Niedernhausen to drive two kilometers to the start.

**Start:** Kellershopfhalle **Sunday:** 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. (6 and 10 km) and 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. (20 km) **Trail:** Hilly, woods **Award:** From previous events.

### Midweek event, July 16

**Sensweiler** — Here's a midweek walk just 12 kilometers from Idar-Oberstein — the host club's first such event. Take B-422 west through Tiefenstein to Katzenloch and an unnumbered road to Sensweiler.

**Start:** Gemeindegaststätte **Wednesday:** 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. (5 and 10 km) and 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. (20 km) **Trail:** Hilly, family-friendly, woods **Award:** None.

### Weekend of July 18-20

**Arbergen-Panrod** — This event is north of Wiesbaden in the scenic Naturpark Rhein-Taunus and well worth the drive. Take Autobahn 3 to exit at Bad Camberg and follow an unnumbered road to the start at Panrod. From Wiesbaden take B-417 toward Limburg to follow an unnumbered road to Kettenschwalbach and Panrod.

**Start:** Palmbachhalle **Saturday and Sunday:** 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. (6 and 10 km), 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. (20 km) and 6-11 a.m. (30 km) **Trail:** Hilly, woods **Award:** Mouse figurine.

**Spall** — This event offers an unusual third day of Spawning in the area roughly between Idar-Oberstein and Bad Kreuznach. A late afternoon-early evening trail is available Friday in addition to regular weekend volksmarching. Drivers should follow B-41 toward Waldböckelheim. Pick up an unnumbered road heading north through Bockenau and Allenfeld to Spall. IVV directional signs will be in place from the Autobahn 61 exits of Rheinböllen and Waldlaubersheim.

**Start:** Fest tent **Friday:** 3-7 p.m. (6 and 10 km) **Saturday:** 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. (6 and 10 km) and 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. (20 km) **Sunday:** 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. (6 and 10 km) and 7 a.m. to noon (20 km) **Trail:** Fairly hilly, fields and woods **Award:** Cat figurine.

Questions? Send email to [volksmarch@hotmail.com](mailto:volksmarch@hotmail.com).



### Theater auditions

Students age 8-14 interested in auditioning or volunteering for the Wiesbaden Amelia Earhart Playhouse's upcoming production of "Schoolhouse Rock Live! Junior" should call the theater at civ (0611) 816 2473 or mil 336-2473 by June 20. Performances are scheduled to held July 25, Aug. 1 and 2 at 2 p.m.; July 24, 26 and 31 at 7:30 p.m.

### Mainz music

The city of Mainz features its Mainz Tent Festival in the Volkspark June 26 to July 7. Among the highlights are **Jethro Tull** June 26 at 7 p.m., the **Buena Vista Social Club's Omara Portuondo** June 28 at 7:30 p.m., **Jane Birkin** June 29 at 7:30 p.m. and **Chris De Burgh** July 6 at 7:30 p.m. The Frankfurter Hof in Mainz presents saxophone ace **Candy Dulfer and Band** June 14 at 8 p.m. and **John Cale** July 1 at 8 p.m. Pick

up tickets at major ticket offices.

### Special Olympics canceled

The Darmstadt Special Olympics, a favorite annual event for hundreds of German and American handicapped children throughout the Rhein-Main region, will not be held this year because of world events and too few volunteers available to run the event. The Frankfurt International School in Oberursel will hold a scaled down event for German children of the Albert Griessinger Schule June 12. Volunteers and financial donations are sought to make the event a success. Call Astrid Meffert at civ (0163) 856 0123 to get involved. (Courtesy of James Federline of the Hessen and Norddeutschland U.S. Forces Liaison Office)

## Things to do

### Talent sought

The Hanau Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People seeks talented young people to compete in a Multi-Cultural Talent Show July 19 at 7 p.m. at Hanau's Wolfgang Burger Haus. Cost to enter is \$25 per person or group per category (age 5-12). To register send a fax to civ (06185) 1797 including name, telephone, category of entry and age of participant. The four categories are instrumental, cultural dance, recital and singing. First place will be awarded in each category. Call civ (0172) 681 0300 for details.

### Palmengarten concerts

Frankfurt's Palmengarten presents its annual jazz in the park series every second

Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. during the summer months. Upcoming concerts include **Vokal Total** featuring trombonist **Albert Mangelsdorff** June 26 and July 10, **Maggy Scott** and the **European Groove Orchestra** July 24, **Sebastian Granss' Underkarl** Aug. 21 and saxophone great **Lee Konitz** with the **Ohad Talmor Spring String Project** Sept. 4. Tickets are €8 for adults and €4 for students. The Palmengarten also hosts a world music series featuring **South Africa's Mahotella Queens** Aug. 5, **Peru's Susana Baca** Aug. 12, **Brazil's Trio Mocoto** Aug. 19 and **Venezuela's Huracan De Fuego** Aug. 26. The outdoor concerts start at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are €12 in advance or €15 at the door.



# Sports and leisure



Runners and walkers line up for the start of the Schiffenberg race and walk. Right: Tina Visby, the fastest female finisher, nears the finish line and the castle entrance.



## Sports shorts

### Basketball tourney

The 284th Base Support Battalion hosts a three-on-three basketball tournament June 14-15 at Giessen's Miller Hall Fitness Center. Teams are limited to four players. Call mil 343-7201 for details.

### Soccer aces

Congratulations to the Hanau High School girls soccer team for making it to the championship round of the Department of Defense Dependents Schools' Division II championships May 22-24. The Panthers beat all comers to advance to the final against Stuttgart. They managed to hang on to a 0-0 tie through the half but wound up losing 4-0 without their star striker Kyri Bye-Nagel who hurt her back during the tournament.

### Cosmos face uphill

The Frankfurt Cosmos, last year's Westdeutsche Lacrosse Liga and German champions, are fighting for a berth in the 2003 playoffs for the German Lacrosse Championships. The Cosmos are in fourth place after suffering two losses in league play. They will face Cologne on June 14, league leader Maastricht and Aachen June 22, and Cologne and Wuppertal July 6 to close out their season. They need to finish among the top three in their league to qualify for the first round of the German championships to be held July 19-20 in Kiel. New players are always welcome to join the team. Male and female players of all ages are welcome. A new women's team is also forming. Contact Bob Scheider at civ (0160) 9565 0171 or by email at [bob@frankfurt-cosmos.de](mailto:bob@frankfurt-cosmos.de) for details.

### Softball tourney

The third annual unit One-Pitch Softball Tournament will be held July 4 at the Büdingen ball field on Armstrong Barracks. Tournament play begins at 10 a.m. Entry fee is \$50 per team and must be paid by June 29. Call mil 321-4737 for details.

### Golf tourney

Wiesbaden's Rheinblick Golf Course hosts the Rheinblick Open June 28-29 with tee times at 8 a.m. Cost is \$70 for members and \$100 for all others. Register by June 25. Call mil 336-2816 or civ (0611) 420-675 for details.

### Fitness for all

Büdingen Fitness Center features exercise equipment instruction every Monday, Wednesday and Saturday. Thursdays are Family Sports Day at the center. Call mil 321-4737. Hanau's Cardwell Fitness Center holds Introduction to Fitness and Weight Training sessions every Monday from 5-6 p.m. Board games are featured at the center every Wednesday at 11 a.m. Go swimming at a local Hanau pool on Thursdays. Catch the bus at the Cardwell Fitness Center at 4 p.m. Cost is €3 for adults and €1.50 for children up to age 18 (bring a Euro deposit for the lockers). Call mil 322-9546.

## Runners tackle Giessen hills

### Schiffenberg Castle offers picturesque, challenging races

Story and photos by Karl Weisel  
104th Area Support Group Public Affairs Office

Heat and hills make for a mighty challenge — especially when they are the main ingredients in a seven-and-a-half-kilometer run and three-kilometer fun walk.

Nineteen runners and three walkers faced the challenge May 31 at Giessen's Schiffenberg Castle. While the walkers only had to cover three kilometers on the hilly route, they too were breathing hard at the finish line.

"I ran it two years ago — I did three of the Schiffenberg races that year," said Kyle Kolthoff, who claimed first place in a time of 29 minutes and 26 seconds. "It was a new course for me. They had it laid out differently.

"I enjoyed the downhill, but I didn't enjoy the uphill. There were hardly any flat places on the course," he said.

Kolthoff said he was proud that four members of his unit, the Extended Air Defense Artillery Task Force, ran together and finished among the winners.

With Kolthoff nailing down the best overall time and first place in the Male Seniors category (age 30-39), he was followed by Able Rivera, second, and Dan Patzner, third, in that category. Scott Hurdis was first in the Male Open (age 18-29) followed by Stephen Meyers, second. In the Male Masters category (age 40+) first was William Young, followed by David Bender, second.

Tina Visby was the fastest woman in a time of 29:45. Behind her in the Female Seniors category (age 30-39) were Anne Wray, second, and Birget Hable, third. Khadija Abidi-Hinkson took first place in the Female Open (age 18-29) category followed by Angelika Hable, second, and Tami Pezel, third. Linda Catt was the fastest Female Master

(age 40+).

"It's good for practice," said Visby, a regular Schiffenberg Castle hill racer, "because the hills are tough. I really like to run here."

Runners have a host of other races to look forward to in the coming months. Giessen Sports and Fitness holds a 10-kilometer run and three-kilometer family fun walk at the Schiffenberg Castle June 28. Call mil 343-7201.

The 414th Base Support Battalion hosts 10-kilometer runs at Fliegerhorst Fitness Center June 14, Büdingen and Pioneer Fitness Centers July 4. Runs start at 11 a.m. Cost is \$15 with a T-shirt or \$10 without. Registration is from 9-10:30 a.m. Call mil 322-9045, 7672 or 9546 for details.

### Family fun walks

Hanau Sports and Fitness also features free family fun walks June 16, 23 and 30 at 6 p.m. at the Fliegerhorst Fitness Center; June 18 at 3 p.m. at the Cardwell Fitness Center and June 28 at 10 a.m. at the Pioneer Sports and Fitness Center. Call mil 322-9617 for details.

## Focus on Wiesbaden track star

### European champ heads to college

Story and photo by Alex Steele  
Special to the Herald Union

He's the guy you want on your side and the guy you hate to compete against. And when you do compete against him, he's the blur that just passed you.

Gen. H.H. Arnold High School's Marquise Eubanks, or "Quise" as he is known to his friends, is one competitor who strikes fear in the hearts of his opponents. Leading the Wiesbaden high school to a top placing at this year's Department of Defense Dependents Schools European Track Tournament, Eubanks placed first in the four by 800 meters and in the open 800. He also had two solid second place finishes in the four by 400 and the open 400.

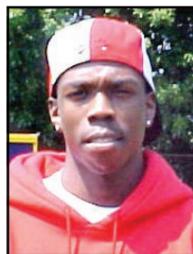
But earning first- and second-place honors and being the anchor leg for the Wiesbaden relay team doesn't come without

hard physical workouts and self-discipline. Eubanks trains for two hours every weekday, running two miles per session and lifting weights.

Eubanks credits his mother with his success. "I wouldn't be where I am today if it weren't for her." Patricia Davis says about her son, "I thank God for blessing Marquise with his abilities. He has done well and has made us all proud."

What was the advice from Coach Steven Jewell that helped him excel? "Don't be a bonehead," and "If it doesn't hurt afterwards, you didn't do your job," said Eubanks.

Hailing from Augusta, Ga., this 18-year-old graduate has already made plans for his



Marquise Eubanks

post-high school career. Eubanks wants to attend North Carolina University in Barberscotia to pursue his interest in either zoology or sports medicine.

Sports, obviously, is a large part of Eubanks' life. In the fall sports season Eubanks played defensive back and offensive back for the varsity football team. In the winter season he suited up as a guard for the varsity basketball squad. Wiesbaden Warrior football coach Darryl Schwartz credits Eubanks as "an outstanding leader of the team" and "a true leader on and off the field."

This recent graduate stated that, if only allowed to play one sport, he would choose track. When asked if he would like to be an Olympic runner, his big grin and enthusiastic "oh yeah" showed he is determined to succeed. (Alex Steele is a sophomore at Gen. H.H. Arnold High School in Wiesbaden)